(b) the achievements made against the targets; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the yield of foodgrains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Targets and achievements of foodgrains during the first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan are as follows :

(Million tonnes)

Year	Targets	Achievements
1991-92	182 50	168.38
1992-93	183.00	180 01
1993-94	188.00	182.03

(c) For increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, crop oriented production programmes viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals; and National Pulses Development Programme are being implemented. Besides, programmes for increasing the use of fertilisers in low consumption areas and extension of irrigation facilities are being implemented to improve the productivity of crops.

Recommendations of Dayal Committee

1502. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the recommendations of the Dayal Committee.

(b) whether it is a fact that the current foodgrains production level of 180 million tonnes exceeds the normative requirements of the population by 10 per cent; if so, what are the justifications for this; and

(c) whether it is a fact that, so far, R & D in agriculture has overwhelmingly focussed on cereals, and this is no longer warranted, if so what are the other directions of Government to augment R & D ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The main recommendations of the Working Group on Foodgrains Requirements by the year 2000 A.D., set-up under the Chairmanship of Shri M.S. Dayal, are as under :

(i) Our current foodgrains production exceeds the normative requirements of our population by about 10%.

(ii) Under-nutrition is a matter of inadequate access of the poor to food.

(iii) In average Indian diets, if calorie requirements are met, there is no protein inadequacy.

(iv) The normative foodgrains requirement for the year 2000 AD assuming a population of one billion, is assessed to be 180 million tonnes (cereals, millets and pulses).

(v) Increase in foodgrains production would require a strong market pull which can be provided by a mix of aggressive exports and public stockholding.

(c) No, Sir. It is not true since adequate attention has been paid to research on pulses, oilseeds and commercial crops in addition to cereals. The question of reducing emphasis on cereals does not arise since sustained efforts are required to maintain high rate of growth in production of these crops to meet the increasing demand.

"सूखाग्रस्त" घोषित किए गए राज्य

1503. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान देश के किन-किन राज्यों के जिलों को "सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र" घोषित किया गया था ;

(ख) देश के किन-किन राज्यों के जिलों में इस वर्ष सामान्य से भी अधिक वर्षा हुई थी ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस वर्ष उन सूखाग्रस्त राज्यों में हुई अधिक वर्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए ऐसे राज्यों का सूखाग्रस्त (डार्क डेज) दर्जा समाप्त करने जा रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसा कब तक कर दिया जायेगा ;

(ङ) क्या गुजरात राज्य के जिन "सूखाग्रस्त घोषित क्षेत्रों में अधिक वर्षा हुई है, उनका